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VIENNA AND GENEVA FOR MBFR AND CSCE

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1. HIGHLIGHTS. THURSDAY NYTIMES FRONT-PAGED BONN BIDS
EUROPE GIVE US ACCESS TO POLICY-MAKING; FRIDAY PAPERS FRONT-
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PAGE KISSINGER: NYTIMES STRESSING SOVIET RELATIONS, WASH-

POST ARMS POLICY. COMMENT SCATTERED.

1A, THURSDAY INSIDE BALTSUN REPORTED US WANTS REGULAR TALKS WITH EUROPEAN ALLIES; WASHPOST HAD VIENNA, NIXON'S TOUGH TALK AFFECTS TROOPS NEGOTIATIONS; ALSO MOSCOW, NEW EXIT RULES CURB SOVIET JEWS; ZUMWALT BACKS INDIAN OCEAN BASE. NYTIMES SAID KISSINGER TO STOP AT BONN SUNDAY; ALSO REPORTED KREMLIN ASSAILS JACKSON ON TRADE, SAYING HE DEMANDED SOME SORT OF FURTHER CONCESSIONS BUT NOT MENTIONING EMIGRATION.

1B. FRIDAY NYTIMES INSIDE REPORTS IMPEACHMENT POLITICS MAY COST NITZE PENTAGON POST; WASHPOST BRIEF REPORTS SOUTH PACIFIC LEADERS CALL FOR TOTAL BAN ON NUCLEAR TESTING, DEPLORE FRENCH EXPERIMENTS; ANOTHER BRIEF SAYS TEAM OF STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS ARRIVED IN BERLIN TO RESUME TALKS ON

ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH EAST GERMANY.

2. KISSINGER. FRIDAY NYTIMES GWERTZMAN REPORTS KISSINGER AT NEWS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY SAID RELATIONS BETWEEN SOVIET UNION AND US HAD ENTERED MORE DIFFICULT PERIOD BUT THAT ON FORTHCOMING MOSCOW VISIT HE WOULD TRY TO KEEP ALIVE THE POLICY OF RELAXING TENSIONS. KISSINGER PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGED FOR FIRST TIME THE CONCERN OF US OFFICIALS OVER RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES AND UNCERTAINTY ABOUT RECEPTION KISSINGER WOULD RECEIVE FROM SOVIET LEADERS. AS EXAMPLES OF DIFFICULTIES KISSINGER CITED FRICTIONS WITH SOVIETS OVER MIDDLE EAST, SOVIET RESENTMENT OVER ABSENCE OF IMPROVED TRADE STATUS WITH US AND PROBLEMS IN SALT TALKS. KISSINGER SAID IN TALKS WITH BREZHNEV, MAJOR EMPHASIS WILL BE PLACED ON PROGRESS IN NEGOTIATIONS ON LIMITING OFFENSIVE STRATEGIC ARMS. HE SAID GENEVA TALKS HAD BEEN DEADLOCKED AND LIMITED TO EXPLORATION OF TECHNICAL ISSUES, ADDING ON BASIS OF NEW US APPROACH "WE ARE AT POINT WHERE WE SHOULD BE MAKING OR SHOULD BE ATTEMPTING A CONCEPTUAL BREAKTHROUGH." KISSINGER ALSO SAID PROSPECTS FOR REACHING ACCORD IN STRATEGIC ARMS BY END OF 1974 ARE REASONABLY GOOD BUT THAT HE COULD MAKE BETTER ESTIMATE AFTER MOSCOW VISIT.

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KISSINGER ADDED ACCORD WOULD BE MORE CONCRETE THAN GENERAL PRINCIPLES AGREED TO BY NIXON AND BREZHNEV LAST YEAR BUT LESS SPECIFIC THAN DETAILED TREATY WHICH IS ULTIMATE GOAL OF NEGOTIATIONS. SPEAKING ON RECENT FLARE-UP BETWEEN US AND EUROPE. KISSINGER SAID WASHINGTON CONSIDERS ALLIANCE CORNERSTONE OF US POLICY BUT WANTS AN IMPROVEMENT IN CONSULTATION WITH COMMON MARKET.

2A. FRIDAY WASHPOST MARDER STRESSES KISSINGER DISCLOSED THAT US, BRITISH AND GERMAN EXPERTS CONFERRED HERE THIS WEEK ON EAST-WEST TROOP REDUCTIONS IN EUROPE. KISSINGER IS EXPECTED TO PURSUE SUBJECT IN TALKS IN MOSCOW NEXT WEEK ALONG WITH ATTEMPT TO BREAK STALEMATE ON PUTTING FURTHER CONTROLS ON US-SOVIET NUCLEAR WEAPONS. KISSINGER REINFORCED NIXON'S DISCLAIMER THAT US MIGHT CUT BACK US TROOPS IN EUROPE, ALTHOUGH HE REITERATED US PROTESTS THAT SOME INDIVIDUAL EUROPEAN NATIONS--WHICH HE DID NOT NAME--HAVE BEEN HOSTILE TO US POLICY. KISSINGER SAID "UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL WE SACRIFICE EUROPEAN INTERESTS IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOVIETS, NO MATTER WHAT OUR DISAGREEMENTS MAY BE WITH EUROPEANS." KISSINGER CITED US-BRITISH-GERMAN TALKS AS ILLUSTRATION THAT ALLIED CONSULTATIONS GOING ON DESPITE STRAINS IN ALLIANCE, KISSINGER ADDING

THAT CONVERSATIONS WENT WELL AND THERE IS AN AGREED ALLIED POSITION WHICH WE WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE. US OFFICIALS SOUGHT AFTERWARD TO MINIMIZE SIGNIFICANCE OF TIMING OF TALKS WHICH THEY SAID WERE LONG PLANNED BY ACDA AT REQUEST OF EUROPEANS. OTHER SOURCES, SAYS MARDER, DESCRIBED TALKS AS SIGNIFICANT BUT TOO SENSITIVE TO DESCRIBE. KISSINGER APPEALED TWICE DURING PRESS CONFERENCE TO EUROPEANS TO RESPOND TO US INITIATIVE TO REDEFINE COMMON PURPOSES OF ATLANTIC ALLIANCE.

2B. FRIDAY BALTO SUN MILLS REPORTS KISSINGER SEEMED MORE
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